

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-94-3 TF-96-15 (TF-96-14)
	CERTIFICATE NO. 0164

**ORDER CANCELLING CERTIFICATE AND
TERMINATING TARIFF**

(Issued October 1, 2002)

On October 3, 1994, the Utilities Board (Board) issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity, identified as Certificate No. 0164, to Total Communications Services, Inc. (Total), authorizing Total to provide telecommunications services in Iowa.

On September 23, 2002, Total filed a request to cancel its existing certificate. Total states that it has not provided service in Iowa for several years and does not intend to avail itself of its certificate in Iowa.

The Board finds that the cancellation of the certificate is reasonable as Total has not provided service in Iowa for some time and does not have any customers that would be impacted by the cancellation. Because Total will not provide service, the Board will also terminate Total's tariff, identified as Docket No. TF-96-15. If Total

decides to provide local exchange telecommunications service in Iowa in the future, it will be required to file another application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Total Communications Services, Inc.'s request to cancel its certificate of public convenience and necessity, Certificate No. 0164, filed September 23, 2002, is granted and the certificate is terminated by this order.

2. Total Communications Services, Inc.'s tariff, identified as Docket No. TF-96-15, is terminated.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 1st day of October, 2002.